

**KENTUCKY COMMISSION ON SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR INDIVIDUALS
WITH INTELLECTUAL AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

**December 6, 2019
Public Health Suites A & B
275 East Main Street
Frankfort, KY 40621**

Members Present

Kristi Putnam, Deputy Secretary
Wendy Morris, Commissioner
Tom Buford, Senator
Kim King, Representative
Pam Smith for DMS Commissioner
Dr. Kathy Sheppard-Jones
D. Brandon Griffith
Robert Napolilli
Karen Herdina
Chris George
Clayton Carroll
Andrew Venetianer
Stella Beard
Cora McNabb
Julie Sweets
Kim Zeigler

Members Absent

Tina Bojanowski, Representative
Julie Raque-Adams, Senator
Steve Shannon
Darrel Tipton
Rita Wooton
Lynn Braker
Kellie McCain

OPENING REMARKS

Deputy Secretary Putnam opened the meeting and welcomed Commission members and members of the audience. Deputy Secretary Putnam announced her resignation from the Cabinet effective December 9, 2019 and extended her appreciation for the work of the Commission.

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

Deputy Secretary Putnam recognized newly appointed and re-appointed members:

- Clayton Carroll, Self-Advocate
- Andrew Venetianer, Self-Advocate
- Robert Napolilli, Family Member
- Kim Zeigler, Family Member
- Julie Sweets, Family Member
- Brandon Griffith, Direct Service Provider
- Steve Shannon, Representing Regional Service Providers

REVIEW OF UPCOMING TERM EXPIRATIONS

Deputy Secretary Putnam reviewed list of members whose terms expire in July 2020. The Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental & Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID),

Division of Developmental & Intellectual Disabilities (DDID) will issue an announcement and begin accepting applications from qualified representatives to fill positions. Those members who are eligible to seek a second term are encouraged to submit an application for consideration if they wish to continue serving.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Commission approved draft minutes from the following quarterly meetings: September 14, 2018; December 7, 2018; and June 14, 2019.

HDI UPDATES

Dr. Kathy Sheppard-Jones, Executive Director of the Human Development Institute (HDI) at the University of Kentucky highlighted that HDI is a University Center of Excellence for Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) and is the only UCEDD in Kentucky. Dr. Sheppard-Jones provided updates on the organization's current efforts. For information, please visit HDI's website: www.hdi.uky.edu.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Employment

Co-chair Dr. Kathy Sheppard-Jones presented updates from the October 29, 2019 Employment Committee Meeting.

The Committee submitted six (6) recommendations for consideration by the Commission. The following actions were taken by the Commission:

- Recommendation 1: approved as submitted.
- Recommendation 2: approved as submitted.
- Recommendation 3: voluntarily withdrawn. Incorrect version included in member packets for consideration. The committee will submit a revised version for the next quarterly meeting.
- Recommendation 4: approved as submitted.
- Recommendation 5: approved as submitted.
- Recommendation 6: approved as submitted.

Community Education/Outreach

Co-Chair Karen Herdina provided the following updates on the committee's work.

- A previous presentation from Paula Goff of First Steps revealed that children with a summer birthday who are exiting First Steps services and transitioning to early childhood programs provided by the local education agency are left without services until the school year begins. Additional funding is needed for service continuation during the summer months to prevent regression of skills for those children transitioning into early childhood programs. Committee members have been working with legislators Gentry and Schroeder to seek funding for those children who fall into this gap of services.

- The committee continues to support the establishment of self-advocacy groups across the state. The Arc of Kentucky's Self-Empowerment Network has expanded to eight (8) groups throughout the state. Self-advocacy training will be provided at the annual ARC Conference.
- The Committee presented one (1) recommendation for consideration by the Commission. The recommendation was approved as submitted.

Health/Wellness

Co-Chair Chris George presented previously deferred recommendations from the Health/Wellness Committee for consideration by the HB 144 Commission. The following actions were taken by the Commission:

- Recommendation 1: amended to read as follows "Explore efforts being done to analyze healthcare costs and pharmacy utilization." Recommendation approved as amended.
- Recommendation 2: amended to read as follows: "Explore partnerships to provide interdisciplinary training in the reduction of polypharmacy." Recommendation approved as amended.
- Recommendation 3: withdrawn by Committee Co-Chair for further committee research and discussion.
- Recommendation 4: approved as submitted.
- Recommendation 5: withdrawn by Committee Co-Chair for further committee research and discussion.
- Recommendation 6: approved as submitted.
- Recommendation 7: approved as submitted.
- Recommendation 8: withdrawn by Committee Co-Chair for further committee research and discussion.
- Recommendation 9: amended to read as follows: "Update provider training to include defining medical complexity, how and where to refer participants for needed services, and current services available from an array of providers." Recommendation approved as amended.
- Recommendation 10: amended to read as follows: "Provide financial incentives to Home- and Community-Based (HCB) Medicaid waiver providers to offer supports and services to individuals with I/DD with medically complex needs who might require additional staffing to live in the community. Funding would be available through completion of the needs assessment process for Participant-Directed and Traditional services and person-centered levels of funding." Recommendation approved as amended.
- Recommendation 11: approved as submitted.
- Recommendation 12: amended to read as follows: "Develop an inclusive list of hospitals, psychiatric service providers, and mental health providers in their area that are waiver providers or in network with Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) or take Medicaid (medical card) for services to allow greater access for individuals with I/DD and medically and behaviorally complex needs." Recommendation approved as amended.
- Recommendation 13: approved as submitted.
- Recommendation 14: approved as submitted.
- Recommendation 15: approved as submitted.

DMS UPDATES

Pam Smith provided an update on the continuing process to redesign the 1915C waivers.

- Public Comment period is in process.
- Service Authorization (SA) Guidance has been forwarded to providers.
- Encouraged people to utilize the email communication process in place to submit concerns to DMS.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sherri Brothers, Arc of Kentucky

- Promoted upcoming Arc of Kentucky events and currently available resources

NEXT MEETING

HB 144 Commission Members reminded of next quarterly meeting on March 13, 2020, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Eastern Time at the Department for Public Health, 1st Floor Conference Suites A & B, 275 East Main Street, Frankfort.

Meeting Adjourned.